

**Abstract**

Devices for retrieving and delivering a multimedia message,  
and methods for the same

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A method for retrieving an MMS message (N404), to be executed  
at an MMS User Agent (180), comprises the steps of:

- generating an MMS subscription request (M401);
  - sending said MMS subscription request (M401) to an MMS  
10 server (130);
  - receiving an MMS notification (M405) of an MMS message  
(N404) from the MMS server (130);
  - in response to receiving said MMS notification (M405),  
generating an MMS message retrieval request (M409) for  
15 retrieving said MMS message (N404);
  - sending said MMS message retrieval request (M409) to the  
MMS Server (130);
  - receiving an MMS message retrieval (M411) comprising  
said MMS message (N404); and
  - 20 - in response to receiving said MMS message retrieval  
(M411) from the MMS Server (130), sending an  
acknowledgment (M413) to the MMS Server (130);
- wherein the improvement is that:
- said MMS subscription request (M401) is sent using a SIP  
25 method SUBSCRIBE;
  - said MMS notification (M405) is received using a SIP  
method NOTIFY;
  - said MMS message retrieval request (M409) is sent using  
a SIP method FETCH; and
  - 30 - said acknowledgment (M413) is sent using a SIP method  
INFORM.

Figure 3a